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This letter is in opposition to proposed Kampachi Farms LLC seeking NPDES Permit # FLOA00001. As noted in the fact sheet itself, "Aquaculture facilities produce and discharge wastes (excess fish feed and fecal material) that contain pollutants (40 CFR § 122.2). Accordingly, marine aquaculture operations are considered point sources that discharge industrial wastewater" p.02. This region has recently suffered considerable environmental distress and biodiversity loss due to Red Tide and other factors. Another source of concern is "spills of feed, drugs, pesticides, or other chemicals" (p.03) that are used in the management of Aquatic Animal Production. Permitting this type of facility would only add to the already high load of pollutants and nutrients that could further prove detrimental to the local marine life in both state and federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. We must continue to push for more stringent water quality, and not enable a system, for private profit, that would directly contradict that necessity. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Signed,
Nicole Martinelli